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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act appropriating moneys to the department of natural
2 resources for purposes of conducting an autumn olive
3 cooperative management project.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. AUTUMN OLIVE COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT PROJECT ==
1 2 APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general fund of
1 3 the state to the department of natural resources for the
1 4 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008,
1 5 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to
1 6 be used for the purposes designated:
1 7 For purposes of administering an autumn olive cooperative
1 8 management project as provided in this Act:
1 9 \$ 60,000
1 10 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys remaining from the
1 11 appropriation in this section on June 30, 2008, shall not
1 12 revert but shall remain available for the fiscal year
1 13 beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, for the same
1 14 purposes.
1 15 Sec. 2. AUTUMN OLIVE COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT PROJECT.
1 16 1. The state recognizes that autumn olive, *eleagnus*
1 17 *umbellata*, is a nonnative deciduous shrub which is classified
1 18 as an invasive species threatening native vegetation, pasture
1 19 grass, and crops.
1 20 2. There is established an autumn olive cooperative
1 21 management project to develop best management practices to
1 22 control autumn olive. The project shall be administered by
1 23 the department of natural resources, principally by the
1 24 forestry bureau of the department's conservation and
1 25 recreation division.
1 26 3. The department shall establish a pilot autumn olive
1 27 cooperative management area located in Independence township
1 28 of Appanoose county and Wright township of Wayne county.
1 29 a. The department shall cooperate with owners of land in
1 30 the area in order to implement management practices to control
1 31 autumn olive, including but not limited to cutting and
1 32 chemical treatment techniques, on their land.
1 33 b. The department shall award moneys to the owners of the
1 34 land in the area under a cost=share agreement. The cost=share
1 35 agreement must include a written plan detailing the management
2 1 practices and the use of private contractors approved by the
2 2 department. The agreement must include the owner's commitment
2 3 to participate in a cost=share contribution. The department's
2 4 cost=share contribution shall not exceed ninety percent of the
2 5 estimated cost of implementing the management practices, or
2 6 ninety percent of the actual cost of implementing the
2 7 management practices, whichever is less.
2 8 4. a. As part of the pilot project, the forestry bureau
2 9 and departmental biologists associated with the Rathbun
2 10 wildlife management area shall establish a timetable to
2 11 replace autumn olive with native plants.
2 12 b. The department shall cooperate with the commissioners
2 13 of the soil and water conservation districts for Appanoose
2 14 county and Wayne county. The department and the commissioners
2 15 shall encourage private landowners to apply for available
2 16 moneys under federal programs including but not limited to the

2 17 United States department of agriculture's natural resources
2 18 conservation service environmental quality incentives program,
2 19 7 C.F.R., pt. 1466.

2 20 c. The department may enter into cooperative agreements
2 21 with federal agencies including but not limited to the United
2 22 States department of agriculture to encourage private
2 23 landowners to develop grazing management plans necessary to
2 24 minimize overgrazing and site disturbance in Appanoose county
2 25 and Wayne county.

2 26 5. The department shall prepare and deliver two reports to
2 27 the governor and the fiscal services division of the
2 28 legislative services agency as follows:

2 29 a. Not later than January 15, 2008, an interim report
2 30 summarizing project activities and preliminary findings.

2 31 b. Not later than January 15, 2009, a final report which
2 32 provides a detailed account of project activities, findings,
2 33 and recommendations.

2 34 EXPLANATION

2 35 This bill appropriates moneys from the general fund to the
3 1 department of natural resources for purposes of administering
3 2 an autumn olive cooperative management project. The
3 3 department is required to establish an autumn olive
3 4 cooperative management project to develop best management
3 5 practices to control autumn olive. The project shall be
3 6 administered by the department of natural resources,
3 7 principally by the forestry bureau of the department's
3 8 conservation and recreation division.

3 9 The project is centered in Independence township of
3 10 Appanoose county and Wright township of Wayne county. The
3 11 department is authorized to award moneys to the owners of land
3 12 in those townships under a cost=share agreement. The forestry
3 13 bureau must cooperate with departmental biologists to
3 14 establish a timetable for the control of autumn olive. The
3 15 department must cooperate with the commissioners of the soil
3 16 and water conservation districts for Appanoose county and
3 17 Wayne county, and the United States department of agriculture.

3 18 The department must prepare and deliver two reports to the
3 19 governor and the fiscal services division of the legislative
3 20 services agency, including an interim report by January 15,
3 21 2008, and a final report by January 15, 2009. The final
3 22 report must provide a detailed account of project activities,
3 23 findings, and recommendations.

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